

Rules of Engagement for Use of the HITRC Collaborative Portal



The HITRC Collaborative Portal provides a secure environment and access to resources to support the effective sharing of practical field experiences and knowledge, the leveraging of external knowledge and expertise, and the development and sharing of best practices for the successful support of implementation and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs) in clinical practice. This portal will be used by members of the Knowledge Sharing Network (KSN) in support of the Health Information Technology (HIT) Extension Program, as well as members of the other Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Programs, including the Workforce Programs (Community College Consortia, Curriculum Development, Program Assistance for University-based Training, and Competency Examination), Beacon Communities, and State HIE Program.

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) would like to ensure that the HITRC Collaborative Portal is as rich with quality information and exchanges as possible. We therefore request that users agree to the following rules.

- Use appropriate language and avoid personal attacks, profanity, and derogatory or discriminatory comments.
- Post comments and content that are relevant to the topic at hand. It is normal for some topics to drift from the stated subject. However, to ensure maximum benefit for everyone, we encourage you to keep your postings as close to the subject as possible.
- Do not post comments or content that infringe on the rights of any third party, including but not limited to, intellectual property rights.
- Maintain author attributions, legal notices or proprietary designations/labels of all content posted to the HITRC Collaborative Portal and do not falsify the origin/source of material.
- Adhere to all local, state, national, and international law.
- Refrain from advertising or offering to sell goods or services.
- Do not post spam or use the information on the HITRC Collaborative Portal to spam other members. Spam includes sending identical and irrelevant or unsolicited submissions to many different users, and includes misrepresenting the source of anything you post.
- Do not post or promote any materials that contain viruses or any other files or programs that could harm or disrupt another user's computer or would allow others to inappropriately access software or web sites. However, you are responsible for protecting your computer against interference or viruses that may be encountered on the Internet and the HITRC Collaborative Portal.

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- Post content that is 508 compliant whenever possible. For more information about 508 compliance visit <http://www.section508.gov/> or contact the HITRC SUPPORT (HITRCSUPPORT@AHRQ.HHS.GOV) for assistance.

The HITRC Collaborative Portal is not responsible for the conduct of its members, nor for the content they post. The HITRC Support team will do its utmost to ensure that all members adhere to and respect this Code of Conduct and, at its own discretion, will remove any content deemed inappropriate or not in conformity with its Code of Conduct. In addition, a user account may be terminated if the above-mentioned Code of Conduct is violated. We reserve the right to amend or change the code of conduct at any time and encourage you to periodically review these guidelines to ensure you are in compliance.

If you have any questions concerning this Code of Conduct, feel free to contact us at:

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